

# DC Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting

Sept 3, 2003

## Minutes

### Members In Attendance

Rudi Schreiber  
Dan Barry  
Patrick Burke  
Denise D'amour  
Chris Craig  
Lyn Stoesen  
Amy Nevel  
Jim Sebastian

### **Bicycle Master Plan - Policy Review**

Dennis Leach of Transmanagement Inc. explained that he is reviewing all District policies for bicycle compatibility. Mr. Leach is also involved in the update of DC's long-range transportation plan and the DC comprehensive (land use) plan.

Mr. Leach reviewed some of the recommended changes being considered for the comprehensive plan. Then he talked about the traffic and parking regulations in the DC Municipal Regulations. The traffic regulations could be clarified and strengthened for bicycles. There is nothing specifically prohibiting parking in bike lanes.

Mr. Leach also reviewed the draft roadway design guide under development at DDOT. While the DDOT bicycle coordinator has reviewed it, there are still areas for improvement for bicyclists. For example, design speed for urban streets should be lower to account for non-motorized users.

The draft Long Range Trans Plan establishes overall guidelines for planning and project development. It accounts for multiple users of the transportation system rather than just car travel. The current plan calls for a bicycle spine network, but without many details. It calls for policy coordination with schools, WMATA, park service, and police. Much of this work needs to be instituted through regulations and legislation.

To see Mr. Leach's entire presentation, go to the DC bike plan web site at:  
[www.bikemap.com/dcbikeplan/review/PolicyReview.html](http://www.bikemap.com/dcbikeplan/review/PolicyReview.html)

### **Draft Bike Route Network**

Tammy Sufi of Toole Design introduced the next step in developing a bike route network. When completed, all routes will be clearly marked with signs, some with bike lanes, and all neighborhoods and destinations will be within a half-mile of the network.

The map presented at the meeting is a compilation of all the routes suggested in the public meetings, the old bike plan, field work, the ADC map, local knowledge, etc. The next and most difficult step is to cull down the network and determine the exact types of facilities (shared roads, bike lanes, trails).

### **Legislative Priorities**

The legislative committee needs to meet and review the legislative priorities and draft proposed changes.

### **Other Business**

The Metropolitan Branch Trail design task order (contract) has been signed.

Bike lanes have been added on Mass Ave SE, the first bike lanes east of the river.

There has been a recent crackdown on bike registration enforcement according to Eric Gilliland of WABA.

Construction is about to start on the Roosevelt bridge deck, but DDOT project managers say that the sidewalk will remain open.

Jim has been recruiting for the vacant spots on the BAC, and hopefully will new members to announce soon.

Ellen Jones has resigned as the Executive Director of WABA to work at the Downtown Business Improvement District.